

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 91

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A RESOLUTION to recognize John G. Campbell on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, John G. Campbell is one such estimable person who has served with probity for over twenty-four years with the City of Johnson City; he was first hired by the city to work as principal planner in the Planning Department in 1976, was named Assistant City Manager in 1979, and became the City Manager in 1984, serving astutely in that capacity until March 15, 2001; and

WHEREAS, born in Knoxville to John W. and Sara Goddard Campbell, Mr. Campbell earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering and a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, as City Manager, he has kept abreast of current trends and knowledge by attending the Senior Executive Institute at the University of Virginia and the Tennessee Leadership Institute at the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Campbell has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of the citizens of Johnson City and the city's governmental workers; and

WHEREAS, highly respected among his peers, Mr. Campbell has been actively involved in numerous professional organizations, including the International City Manager's Association, the American Society for Public Administration, the National League of Cities, and the Tennessee City Manager's Association, which he formerly served as president; he has also served on the Tennessee Municipal League's Board of Directors and on the Board of the Tennessee Municipal League's Risk Management Pool and Strategic Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell is an active and important part of his community, participating in numerous civic organizations, including the Tennessee Vocational Training Center, Watauga Mental Health Board, Washington County/Johnson City Animal Control Board, Washington County Alumni Chapter of the University of Tennessee, and Kiwanis International; and

WHEREAS, as City Manager, he has provided leadership to the Mountain States Health Alliance, Frontier Health, City/County Liaison Committee, Emergency Medical Services Board, Economic Development Board, and the Northeast State Community College Foundation; and

WHEREAS, a leader of the highest merit, John G. Campbell has served on the Boards of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, Johnson City Medical Center, and the Economic Development Board; he served for two years as co-chairman of the TML Environmental Policy Board and was a member of the National League of Cities Environmental Policy Board; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding guidance and service to Johnson City, Mr. Campbell was awarded the 1992 and 1993 "City Manager of the Year" awards by the Tennessee City Managers Association; he also earned recognition as the American Society for Public Administrators' Regional "Administrator of the Year" for 1988–1989; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to the highest level of family values, John G. Campbell has shared love and companionship with Gail Gottrell Campbell since they were first joined in holy matrimony on June 10, 1972; he is also the proud and committed father of a daughter, Emily, and a son, Jay; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mr. Campbell is an active member of the Wesley United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we thank John G. Campbell for his exemplary service as City Manager of Johnson City and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.